

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-42 are currently pending, wherein claims 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and 36 are independent. Claims 1, 5, 6, 8, 12-15, 19, 20, 22, 26-29, 33-36 and 40-42 have been amended.

The specification and claims 1, 5, 6, 8, 12-15, 19, 20, 22, 26-29, 33-36 and 40-42 have been amended merely to correct a minor spelling error to clarify the language of the specification and claims. These amendments do not narrow or otherwise limit the scope of the claims, and are not made for any purpose related to patentability. Support for these amendments can be found at least on page 11, lines 2-4, and page 17, lines 11-13 of the present application. No new matter has been introduced by way of these amendments.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this response or the application in general, the Examiner is urged to contact the Applicants' attorney, Mark W. Hrozenchik, by telephone at (202) 625-3555. All correspondence should continue to be directed to the address given below.

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